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## MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): FUJIKUBO, Makoto; FURUYA, Masashi;

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For: CHAIN TENSIONER

Enclosed are:

A specification consisting of Seventeen (17) pages

⊠ Eight (8) sheet(s) of formal drawings

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

	Applicant does not claim priority					
	Applicant claims the right of priority under 35 U.S.C. § 11 based on Application No(s). 2002-266035 filed in JAPAN o September 11, 2002.  Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto.  Certified copy(ies) will follow.					
$\boxtimes$	Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow					
	Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27					
	Preliminary Amendment					
	Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76					
$\boxtimes$	Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)					
	Other:					
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The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

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